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October 16, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: 8400' Sand, Reservoir A
SOUTH JENNINGS FIELD
Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Riceland Petroleum Company** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the 8400' Sand, Reservoir A, lying within the Upper Unit, South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. The Upper Unit was established by agreement designated as An Agreement Unitizing All Sands Lying Above the Top of the 8600 Foot Sand (Upper Unit), South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, dated October 15, 1945, and approved by the Commissioner of Conservation pursuant to Order No. 26-A, effective February 12, 1946, as supplemented or amended. The Upper Unit Agreement includes all sands lying above the top of the 8600' Sand lying within the geographic confines of said unit. The allocation of unitized substances within the Upper Unit will not be changed as a result of the proposed hearing.

The 8400' Sand, Reservoir A, in the South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 8400 feet and 8424 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Riceland Petroleum Company(Formerly Noble Energy, Inc.) - W. E. Walker No. 15 Well, located in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

Riceland Petroleum Company intends to request the following, to-wit:

1. To recognize the above reservoir for the 8400' Sand, Reservoir A, South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, as lying within the Upper Unit, as approved by the Commissioner of Conservation in Order No. 26-A, as supplemented or amended, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To recognize a unit operator and a unit well for the above reservoir as provided in the Upper Unit Agreement;

3. Except as specifically amended herein, to continue in full force and effect the provision of Order No. 26-A, as supplemented or amended; and
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

Any pertinent data relating to the subject application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from David Comeaux at Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505, (337-233-9839).

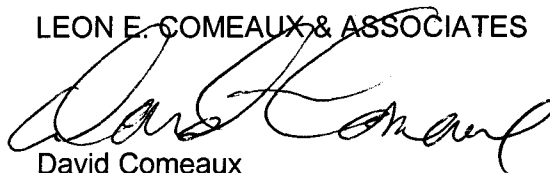
In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, a preapplication notice was given, but no request for a conference was received, and therefore, none was held.

There are attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties and proposed unit plat (being the same plat attached to the October 4, 2006 notice) are being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, said plat and the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, Riceland Petroleum Company, in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES



David Comeaux

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Enclosures

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Interested Parties, Interested
Owners and Represented Parties

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